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Interviews: 1,009 adults, including
101 reached by cell phone
Date: October 22-25, 2009

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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(ASKED ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)

1. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline.....	-	TERMINATE	[139]
Cell phone is only telephone.....	100	CONTINUE	
Not sure.....	-	TERMINATE	

- 2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	6	[146-147]
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	6	
40-44.....	7	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	10	
60-64.....	11	
65-69.....	7	
70-74.....	7	
75 and over.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- 2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[148]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

- 2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	[149]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	

Other.....	4
Hispanic (VOL).....	7
Not sure/refused.....	1

3. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	[150]
Headed in the right direction.....	36	39	39	42	43	41	26	72	12	11	78	
Off on the wrong track.....	52	48	49	46	43	44	59	11	7	71	10	
Mixed (VOL).....	9	10	9	9	10	9	9	11	6	6	3	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	4	6	6	6	3	2	2	
	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>10/4-5/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>				
	26	12	12	16	18	13	16	15				
	60	78	77	73	67	74	71	73				
	10	7	9	9	12	10	11	10				
	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	2				
	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>				
	20	20	25	28	31	31	32	40				
	66	68	63	57	54	57	57	47				
	11	9	9	13	12	10	8	10				
	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3				
	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>9/99</u>				
	39	47	38	36	42	62	72	43				
	49	43	50	47	43	20	11	41				
	10	6	8	14	12	14	11	13				
	2	4	4	3	3	4	6	3				

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as president?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[151]
Approve.....	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	
Disapprove.....	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
Not sure.....	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

- 4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[152]
Approve.....	47	50	49	51	55	56	
Disapprove.....	46	42	44	38	37	31	
Not sure.....	7	8	7	11	8	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 4c. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>10/09**</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	[153]
Approve.....	51	50	57	54	56	
Disapprove.....	39	36	33	36	31	
Not sure.....	10	14	10	10	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>	[154]
Approve.....	24	22	24	29	28	31	23	61	12	
Disapprove.....	65	66	63	57	58	54	68	28	79	
Not sure.....	11	12	13	14	14	15	9	11	9	
		<u>10/17-</u> <u>12/08</u>	<u>10/4-</u> <u>20/08+</u>	<u>9/19-</u> <u>5/08+</u>	<u>22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>9/07</u>	
		21	12	13	15	15	13	18	23	
		69	79	78	73	75	79	70	65	
		10	9	9	12	10	8	12	12	
		<u>3/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
		31	20	29	29	41	40	46	39	
		53	65	56	53	40	42	41	45	
		16	15	15	18	19	18	13	16	
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>	
		42	40	54	47	48	46	48	40	
		39	44	29	34	35	41	36	49	
		19	16	17	19	17	13	16	11	

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6a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	[155]
Approve.....	43	45	41	41	
Disapprove.....	48	46	47	46	
Not sure.....	9	9	12	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

6b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way that Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>10/09**</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	[156]
Approve.....	23	21	21	
Disapprove.....	64	65	62	
Not sure.....	13	14	17	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know <u>Name/ Not Sure</u>	[157]
Barack Obama							
October 2009.....	36	20	11	12	21	-	
September 2009.....	38	18	11	14	19	-	
July 2009.....	37	18	10	14	20	1	
June 2009.....	41	19	11	12	17	-	
April 2009.....	45	19	12	10	13	1	
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1	
January 2009.....	43	23	17	8	6	3	
December 2008.....	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+.....	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+.....	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+.....	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+.....	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 2008+.....	24	25	18	16	16	1	
January 2008.....	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007.....	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007.....	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007.....	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007.....	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007.....	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007.....	18	19	26	11	6	20	
<hr/>							
<i>High</i>							
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	

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Q.7 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	[158/164]
The Democratic Party							
October 2009.....	14	28	20	14	22	2	
September 2009.....	14	27	18	17	22	2	
July 2009.....	13	29	19	17	20	2	
June 2009.....	19	26	16	16	21	2	
April 2009.....	17	28	19	15	19	2	
February 2009.....	20	29	18	14	17	2	
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	16	23	22	17	21	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	15	26	20	18	19	2	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	19	23	20	16	20	2	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	24	25	17	19	14	1	
August 2008+.....	17	26	21	16	19	1	
July 2008+.....	15	28	18	18	19	2	
June 2008+.....	16	27	24	13	19	1	
April 2008+.....	17	27	22	15	17	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008.....	22	25	19	18	15	1	
November 2007.....	12	27	24	18	17	2	
September 2007.....	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007.....	15	27	21	20	15	2	
June 2007.....	12	30	22	19	16	1	
January 2007.....	13	29	26	16	14	2	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	25	25	18	17	1	
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.7 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	[159/165]
The Republican Party							
October 2009.....	6	19	27	23	23	2	
September 2009.....	5	23	27	22	21	2	
July 2009.....	9	19	29	21	20	2	
June 2009.....	6	19	29	23	21	2	
April 2009.....	7	22	25	22	22	2	
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3	
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+.....	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+.....	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+.....	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+.....	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008.....	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007.....	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007.....	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+.....	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2009.....	6	19	29	23	21	2	
Sarah Palin							[160/166]
October 2009.....	11	16	22	15	31	5	
July 2009.....	14	18	20	16	27	5	
April 2009.....	14	18	24	11	27	6	
December 2008.....	15	20	16	15	30	4	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	23	15	13	13	34	2	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	26	18	15	15	22	4	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	26	16	17	12	24	5	

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Q.7 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Nancy Pelosi							[161]
October 2009 *	8	18	16	9	33	16	
September 2009.....	8	19	16	11	33	13	
July 2009.....	7	18	16	11	33	15	
June 2009.....	5	19	17	12	34	13	
February 2009.....	12	19	15	9	28	17	
January 2009.....	9	17	19	10	26	19	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	7	16	21	14	27	15	
January 2008.....	5	17	21	11	22	24	
April 2007	11	18	20	12	18	21	
January 2007.....	10	18	23	9	15	25	
December 2006.....	9	16	21	8	15	31	
October 2006+.....	4	10	18	8	17	43	
September 2006+.....	4	11	12	7	16	50	
December 2005.....	3	10	20	6	12	49	
February 2005.....	5	10	17	6	10	52	
Olympia Snowe							[162]
October 2009 *.....	4	13	15	8	10	50	
Mitch McConnell							[163]
October 2009 *.....	3	6	19	8	6	58	
January 2007.....	2	9	19	5	1	64	
Harry Reid							[167]
October 2009 **.....	2	12	18	7	19	42	
January 2009	2	12	22	10	11	43	
January 2007.....	3	9	13	9	8	58	
September 2006+.....	2	8	15	6	12	57	
February 2005.....	4	7	21	5	3	60	
John Boehner							[168]
October 2009 **.....	2	7	12	7	8	64	
January 2007.....	1	4	12	4	2	77	
General Stanley McChrystal							[169]
October 2009 **.....	15	19	17	4	2	43	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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8. What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08++</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	[170]
Republican-controlled Congress.....	38	40	39	39	36	36	37	36	
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	46	43	46	48	48	49	50	47	
Not sure.....	16	17	15	13	16	15	13	17	
	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>		
	36	33	34	35	37	35	37		
	49	52	49	49	46	47	52		
	15	15	17	16	17	18	11		
	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>		
	39	38	38	39	37	38	38		
	48	48	49	45	50	47	46		
	13	14	13	16	13	15	16		
	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>		
	37	39	40	40	43	42	42		
	48	48	45	47	44	46	44		
	15	13	15	13	13	12	14		
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>		
	41	42	42	42	43	42	43		
	44	45	43	42	42	42	41		
	15	13	15	16	15	16	16		
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>		
	42	44	42	40	39	39	42		
	41	40	40	44	41	43	41		
	17	16	18	16	20	18	17		
	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>		
	41	37	41	40	41	39	41		
	40	43	43	39	40	40	37		
	19	20	16	21	19	21	22		
	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>				
	40	41	41	45	44				
	42	37	39	39	38				
	18	22	20	16	18				

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++ Results shown reflect responses among *likely* voters.

9. In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>6/07+</u>	<u>10/13-</u>	<u>9/30-</u>	<u>10/2/06+</u>	
Deserves to be reelected.....	41	40	40	39	41	39	38		[171]
Give new person a chance.....	49	49	47	51	48	45	45		
Not sure.....	10	11	13	10	11	16	17		
	<u>9/8-</u>								
	<u>11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>			
	41	38	42	41	41	41			
	43	48	45	48	46	44			
	16	14	13	11	13	15			
	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>			
	37	42	49	42	41	50			
	51	45	34	39	42	35			
	12	13	17	19	17	15			
	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>			
	49	49	42	48	41	39			
	38	39	47	37	45	49			
	13	12	11	15	14	12			
	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>			
	30	34	35	34	37	30			
	53	50	47	52	47	55			
	17	16	18	14	16	15			
	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>			
	31	31	27	33	37	42			
	56	56	62	57	52	48			
	13	13	11	10	11	10			

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10. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people, OR
Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>5/08+</u>	<u>10/4-</u>	<u>9/19-</u>	<u>22/08+</u>	
A/Government should do more.....	46	45	47	51	47	48			[172]
B/Government is doing too many things.....	48	49	46	40	45	42			
Some of both (VOL).....	5	5	6	7	7	8			
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	1	2			
	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>			
	53	55	52	45	41	32			
	42	38	40	43	51	62			
	NA	6	6	9	5	NA			
	5	1	2	3	3	6			

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹In December 1995, this question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

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11. How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right—just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	<u>10/09**</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>6/05¹</u>	<u>7/04²</u>	<u>7/03²</u>	<u>7/02²</u>	
Just about always.....	4	4	4	4	4	5	[173]
Most of the time.....	19	27	26	36	32	33	
Only some of the time.....	65	62	65	56	60	57	
Never (VOL).....	11	7	5	3	3	4	
Not sure.....	1	-	-	1	1	1	
		<u>9/27/01³</u>	<u>8/00⁴</u>	<u>8/99⁵</u>	<u>8/97³</u>	<u>11/95³</u>	
		13	2	7	2	3	
		51	28	21	20	22	
		35	62	67	76	67	
		1	7	5	-	6	
		-	1	1	1	1	
		<u>9/90⁶</u>	<u>6/85⁶</u>	<u>1982⁶</u>	<u>1970⁶</u>	<u>1958⁶</u>	
		7	6	2	6	16	
		35	32	23	47	57	
		55	58	69	44	23	
		2	3	4	-	0	
		1	1	2	2	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹ Survey conducted by Gallup Organization.

² Survey conducted by CBS News/New York Times.

³ Survey conducted by ABC News/Washington Post.

⁴ Survey conducted by Hart/Teeter for the Council for Excellence in Government.

⁵ Survey conducted by Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Harvard University.

⁶ Survey data from The National Election Studies, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan.

12. When it comes to the presidency of Barack Obama, do you strongly relate to him as your president, somewhat relate to him as your president, relate to him only a little as your president, or not really relate to him as your president?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Strongly relate to him.....	35	36	43	50	47	[174]
Somewhat relate to him.....	25	27	26	26	27	
Relate to him only a little.....	16	13	13	12	12	
Do not really relate to him.....	23	22	16	8	9	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	4	5	

13. Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? (IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one statement, which would you choose?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	
Like personally and approve most policies.....	44	46	48	51	55	[175]
Like personally but disapprove of many policies.....	30	31	27	30	22	
Don't like personally, approve most of policies.....	3	2	3	3	5	
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies.....	19	18	16	12	10	
None of these (VOL).....	2	2	3	2	3	
Not sure.....	2	1	3	2	5	

14. How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "five" means a very good rating, a "one" means a very poor rating, and a "three" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

		Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	[]
		5	4	3	2	1		
Being easygoing and likable								[214]
October 2009 **.....		54	18	15	5	7	1	
April 2009.....		60	21	8	5	5	1	
January 2009.....		54	23	16	2	3	2	
June 2008+.....		37	32	18	7	5	1	
March 2008+.....		39	30	17	5	7	2	
November 2007+.....		34	30	21	6	5	4	
Being an inspirational and exciting president								[180]
October 2009 *.....		42	18	12	10	17	1	
April 2009.....		50	19	16	6	9	-	
January 2009 ²		54	21	14	5	6	-	
June 2008+.....		40	21	16	11	11	1	
March 2008+.....		36	20	19	10	13	2	
November 2007+.....		21	21	29	10	15	4	
Having strong leadership qualities								[179]
October 2009 *.....		36	20	17	9	17	1	
April 2009		46	22	15	8	9	-	
January 2009 ¹		44	26	16	6	7	1	
June 2008+.....		23	24	30	10	12	1	
March 2008.....		24	22	27	9	16	2	
November 2007+.....		15	24	28	14	15	4	
Improving America's image around the world								[215]
October 2009 **.....		38	15	16	12	19	-	
April 2009.....		45	18	14	7	15	1	
Being honest and straightforward								[178]
October 2009 *.....		33	18	17	8	23	1	
April 2009.....		40	24	14	7	13	2	
January 2009.....		41	22	20	6	8	3	
June 2008+.....		25	27	22	12	13	1	
March 2008.....		29	24	22	7	14	4	
November 2007+.....		26	25	27	8	9	5	
Willing to work with people whose viewpoints are different from his own								[208]
October 2009 *.....		34	14	18	8	25	1	
April 2009.....		42	20	16	8	12	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president."

²Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Being inspirational and an exciting choice for president."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.14 (cont'd)		Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
		5	4	3	2	1		
Being firm and decisive in his decision-making								[211]
October 2009 **.....		27	21	19	14	19	-	
April 2009.....		34	31	15	9	10	1	
January 2009.....		37	26	20	4	9	4	
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency								[209]
October 2009 *.....		28	19	17	11	25	-	
April 2009.....		31	25	19	10	15	-	
January 2009.....		26	25	23	11	14	1	
June 2008+.....		10	20	32	15	22	1	
March 2008.....		11	17	30	14	25	3	
November 2007+.....		11	18	28	17	21	5	
Being a good commander-in-chief								[176]
October 2009 *.....		26	20	18	10	25	1	
April 2009.....		33	22	20	8	15	2	
January 2009.....		32	23	20	8	12	5	
June 2008+.....		13	20	26	15	24	2	
March 2008+.....		19	22	28	13	16	2	
November 2007+.....		12	17	30	15	21	5	
Having the ability to handle a crisis								[212]
October 2009 **.....		27	18	20	12	21	2	
April 2009		31	23	20	9	14	3	
January 2009.....		25	21	25	14	9	6	
Sharing your positions on the issues								[210]
October 2009 **.....		21	18	22	11	27	1	
April 2009.....		26	22	21	11	19	1	
January 2009.....		29	23	22	12	13	1	
June 2008+.....		21	18	23	14	23	1	
March 2008+.....		18	21	23	13	21	4	
November 2007+.....		13	20	28	12	21	6	
Uniting the country								[213]
October 2009 **.....		20	18	24	13	24	1	
April 2009.....		28	29	19	8	15	1	
January 2009.....		36	24	22	9	7	2	
Changing business as usual in Washington								[177]
October 2009 *.....		19	19	24	9	26	3	
April 2009.....		22	25	22	11	16	4	
Achieving his goals								[216]
October 2009 **.....		17	20	30	14	18	1	
April 2009.....		25	35	25	5	8	2	
January 2009.....		32	24	24	9	5	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

15. Would you strongly favor, mildly favor, feel neutral about, mildly oppose, or strongly oppose building a new independent political party to run a credible candidate for president in the next presidential election?

	<u>10/09¹</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>30/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>10/28-</u>
Strongly favor.....	30	29	31	30	31	[217]
Mildly favor.....	16	18	22	18	14	
Feel neutral.....	20	21	16	22	24	
Mildly oppose.....	10	9	12	9	12	
Strongly oppose.....	20	18	14	15	17	
Not sure.....	4	5	5	6	2	

¹Prior to October 2009, the question was phrased, " . . . building a new independent political party to run a credible candidate for president?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16. As you know, the president and Congress are dealing with many issues facing our country such as the economy and health care reform. I'm going to read you two statements about these and please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: When considering issues facing our country, it is important to have unity and compromise between the two political parties to ensure that the country comes together.

Statement B: When considering issues facing our country, it is important to have debate and differences between the two political parties to ensure that all options are considered.

Statement A/unity and compromise	38	[218]
Statement B/debate and differences	56	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	1	

17. When it comes to the partisanship going on in Washington, do you feel that this is mainly due to an unwillingness of the Republicans to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Democrats, or that this is due to an unwillingness of the Democrats to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Republicans, or do you feel that it is equally the fault of both parties?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2-3/09</u>	<u>10/28-</u>
Due to unwillingness of Republicans.....	24	22	20	29	[219]
Due to unwillingness of Democrats.....	17	15	18	14	
Equally the fault of both parties.....	57	61	59	56	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	1	

Now turning to the economy ...

18. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<i>High 9/98</i>	<i>Low 2/09</i>	[220]
Very satisfied.....	2	2	2	1	2	1	31	1	
Somewhat satisfied.....	17	21	11	11	16	6	55	6	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	31	35	31	33	30	22	10	22	
Very dissatisfied.....	49	41	56	54	52	70	3	70	
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	
	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>		
	2	2	5	10	6	3	4		
	8	12	27	33	45	33	27		
	25	28	28	32	30	38	37		
	65	58	40	25	18	25	31		
	-	-	-	-	1	1	1		
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>		
	2	4	6	4	5	18	29		
	32	42	44	43	47	57	52		
	41	39	33	39	32	18	12		
	24	14	15	13	15	6	6		
	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		
	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>		
	23	26	27	31	18	13	10		
	53	54	55	55	52	52	51		
	17	13	12	10	20	23	27		
	7	6	5	3	8	10	10		
	-	1	1	1	2	2	2		
	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>		
	13	9	7	5	4	3	3		
	45	51	49	43	43	39	37		
	27	27	30	32	38	37	38		
	13	11	12	18	14	19	19		
	2	2	2	2	1	2	3		
	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>						
	4	4	4						
	39	40	41						
	35	37	38						
	21	18	15						
	1	1	2						

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	
Economy will get better.....	42	47	44	46	38	36	38	25	[221]
Economy will get worse.....	22	20	21	22	30	28	20	43	
Economy will stay about the same...	33	30	32	29	30	34	37	28	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	2	2	5	4	
	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>		
	21	19	16	21	22	16	17		
	49	45	31	16	22	39	44		
	27	29	49	60	51	43	36		
	3	7	4	3	5	2	3		
	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>		
	24	24	26	28	43	43	43		
	27	30	34	30	17	10	13		
	46	42	37	36	36	33	33		
	3	4	3	6	4	14	11		
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>		
	42	44	50	49	44	45	49		
	16	18	10	15	19	16	17		
	34	35	37	33	33	34	31		
	8	3	3	3	4	4	3		
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>		
	35	40	41	39	41	50	50		
	25	20	20	18	20	13	15		
	37	35	34	39	37	32	32		
	3	5	5	4	2	5	3		
	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>		
	36	28	17	19	19	21	20		
	25	29	24	22	22	21	21		
	34	37	54	53	57	52	54		
	5	6	5	6	2	6	5		
	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>		
	24	31	31	28	28	27	29		
	23	17	24	24	17	21	16		
	50	46	40	44	52	49	52		
	3	6	5	4	3	3	3		
	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>		
	44	21	23	20	23	33	39		
	16	27	24	29	27	21	15		
	36	50	51	48	47	44	43		
	4	2	2	3	3	2	3		

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

20. When you think about the current economic conditions, do you feel that this is a situation that Barack Obama has inherited or is this a situation his policies are mostly responsible for?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
Situation Obama inherited.....	63	72	84	[222]
Situation Obama's policies mostly responsible for.....	20	14	8	
Some of both (VOL).....	15	10	6	
Not sure.....	2	4	2	

21. Over the past nine months, the government has taken a series of measures that were intended to help improve economic conditions. Do you think the government has done about the right amount, has done too much, or has not done enough? **

Has done right amount.....	27	[223]
Has done too much.....	30	
Has not done enough.....	36	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: The president and the Congress should worry more about boosting the economy even though it may mean larger budget deficits now and in the future.

Statement B: The president and the Congress should worry more about keeping the budget deficit down, even though it may mean it will take longer for the economy to recover.

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Statement A/Worry more about boosting the economy.....	31	30	35	[224]
Statement B/Worry more about keeping budget deficit down....	62	62	58	
Depends (VOL).....	3	4	2	
Not sure.....	4	4	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

23. Thinking about the country's economic conditions, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom?

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
Pretty much hit the bottom.....	29	35	27	17	[225]
Still ways to go.....	58	52	58	76	
Hit bottom already (VOL).....	8	9	10	3	
Not sure.....	5	4	5	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

24. Thinking about the current level of unemployment, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom? **

Pretty much hit the bottom.....	27	[226]
Still a ways to go.....	63	
Hit bottom already (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

25. As you may know, last week the Dow Jones stock market average rose above ten thousand for the first time in twelve months. Is this a real and important indication to you that the economy is improving, or does it not really have much of an effect on how you view the state of the economy? **

Important indication the economy is improving.....	32	[227]
Does not have much of an effect.....	64	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Turning to the issue of health care...

26. From what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you think his plan is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	[228]
Good idea.....	38	39	36	36	33	33	
Bad idea.....	42	41	42	42	32	26	
No opinion.....	16	17	17	17	30	34	
Not sure.....	4	3	5	5	5	7	

- 27a. And from what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you believe it will result in the quality of your health care getting better, worse, or staying about the same as now? If you do not have an opinion, please just say so.

	10/09*	9/09	8/09	7/09	4/09	[229]
Quality will get better.....	21	19	24	21	22	
Quality will get worse.....	40	36	40	39	24	
Quality will stay the same.....	27	34	27	29	29	
Do not have an opinion.....	10	8	7	9	20	
Not sure.....	2	3	2	2	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 27b. And from what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you believe it will result in the cost of your health care going up, down, or staying about the same as now? If you do not have an opinion, please just say so. **

Cost will go up.....	47	[230]
Cost will go down.....	13	
Cost will stay the same.....	25	
Do not have an opinion.....	11	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 28a. Do you think it would be better to pass Barack Obama's health care plan and make its changes to the health care system or to not pass this plan and keep the current health care system?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	
Better to pass this plan, make these changes.....	45	45	
Better to not pass this plan, keep current system....	39	39	
Neither (VOL).....	8	9	
Not sure.....	8	7	

- 28b. Thinking about efforts to reform the health care system, which would concern you more?

Not doing enough to make the health care system better than it is now by lowering costs and covering the uninsured. OR

Going too far and making the health care system worse than it is now in terms of quality of care and choice of doctor.

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Not doing enough.....	44	44	41	[232]
Going too far.....	51	48	54	
Not sure.....	5	8	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 29a. Which one of the following do you think the president and Congress should be most focused on addressing—the cost of health care, or people who are not covered by insurance?

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
The cost of health care.....	38	39	[233]
People who are not covered by insurance.....	41	42	
Both equally (VOL).....	18	16	
Not sure	3	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 29b. Which one of the following do you think the president's health care plan is more focused on addressing—the cost of health care, or people who are not covered by insurance?

	<u>10/09**</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
The cost of health care.....	13	12	[234]
People who are not covered by insurance.....	68	69	
Both equally (VOL).....	15	12	
Not sure.....	4	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 30-31. The health care plan currently being considered has two major goals—reducing the cost of health care and providing coverage to people who do not currently have health insurance. From what you know, do you think the plan provides a good balance between these two goals, or do you think the plan focuses too much on one goal over the other? If you do not know enough to have an opinion, please say so. (IF "FOCUSES TOO MUCH ON ONE GOAL OVER THE OTHER," ASK:) And do you think it focuses too much on reducing the cost of health care or too much on covering people who do not have health insurance?

Provides A Good Balance Between The Two Goals.....	21	
Focuses Too Much On One Goal Over The Other.....	43	
Too much on reducing costs.....	8	[235-236]
Too much toward on covering the uninsured.....	32	
Not sure.....	3	
Do not know enough to have an opinion.....	29	
Not sure.....	7	

- 32a/b. Do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Tricare? (IF "YES," ASK:) What kind of health plan do you have? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?

Yes, Have A Health Plan			
Private health insurance.....	58		[237-238]
MediCARE.....	20		
MediCAID.....	4		
Tricare.....	2		
Military, VA.....	1		
Through work, employer.....	1		
Other.....	1		
Don't know what kind of plan.....	1		
NO, Do Not Have A Health Plan.....	11		
Don't know/refused.....	1		

And thinking about one aspect of the debate on health care legislation...

33. In any health care proposal, how important do you feel it is to give people a choice of both a public plan administered by the federal government and a private plan for their health insurance—extremely important, quite important, not that important, or not at all important?

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Extremely important.....	45	48	41	[246]
Quite important.....	27	25	35	
Not that important.....	8	8	12	
Not at all important.....	15	15	8	
Not sure.....	5	4	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

34. Would you favor or oppose creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies?

	<u>10/09**</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
Favor.....	48	46	43	46	[247]
Oppose.....	42	48	47	44	
Not sure.....	10	6	10	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 35a. As you may know, a health care bill has not yet passed through Congress. Do you feel that this is mainly due to an unwillingness of the Republicans to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Democrats, or that this is due to an unwillingness of the Democrats to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Republicans, or do you feel that it is equally the fault of both parties?

Due to unwillingness of Republicans.....	23	[248]
Due to unwillingness of Democrats.....	16	
Equally the fault of both parties.....	56	
Neither party at fault (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

- 35b. How much blame would you give to each of the following people or groups for making health care reform legislation so difficult to deal with and pass—a great deal of blame, quite a bit of blame, very little blame, or no blame at all? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT OF BLAME

	Blame					Not Sure
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Very Little	None At All		
Special interest groups such as big pharmaceutical and health insurance companies because they are more concerned about their bottom line and want to stop real health care reform in this country.....	49	26	15	5	5	[251]
Democrats in Congress because their health plan is expensive and calls for a lot more government involvement in the health care system.....	31	30	24	9	6	[250]
Republicans in Congress because they are more concerned about blocking the bill and are not putting forward an alternative.....	30	30	25	10	5	[249]
President Obama because he failed to provide the kind of leadership needed to pass legislation like this.....	18	20	33	25	4	[252]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Changing subjects...

36. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose increasing troop levels in Afghanistan?

	10/09	9/09	
Strongly support.....	28	19	
Somewhat support.....	19	25	
Somewhat oppose.....	15	20	
Strongly oppose.....	28	31	
Not sure.....	10	5	

37. As you may know, the Obama administration has said it will not make a firm decision about whether to send more troops to Afghanistan until after that country's upcoming runoff election when the president of Afghanistan will be determined and the political situation in that country is clearer. Do you support or oppose this decision? **

Support	58	[254]
Oppose.....	37	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

38. I'm going to read you several possibilities for next steps in Afghanistan. For each one please tell me whether this would be acceptable to you or not acceptable to you.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not Acceptable</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Sending an additional ten thousand U.S. troops and focusing on fighting insurgents in some areas and putting additional emphasis on training for Afghanistan's army and police.....	55	36	9	[256]
Not sending any additional U.S. troops and focusing on attacking specific al Qaeda camps and leaders along the border with Pakistan using troops already in Afghanistan.....	46	43	11	[257]
Withdrawing nearly all U.S. troops already in Afghanistan and focusing on attacking specific al Qaeda camps and leaders along the Pakistani border with unmanned aircraft and commando teams.....	45	45	10	[258]
Sending an additional forty thousand U.S. troops and focusing on fighting insurgents across the country and protecting the Afghan people.....	43	49	8	[255]

39. When it comes to making major decisions on overall military strategy and the number of troops needed, such as in Afghanistan, who do you have more confidence in to make the right decisions—the president and secretary of defense OR the generals running operations in the country? **

The president and secretary of defense.....	25	[259]
The generals running operations in the country....	62	
Some of both (VOL).....	9	
Neither (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

40. And now, thinking about Iran, if Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? (**IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT," ASK:**) And do you feel strongly about that, or not?

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	
Should Initiate Military Action							
Feel strongly.....	45	31	33	38	37	33	[260]
Do not feel strongly.....	7	10	10	16	11	9	
Should NOT Initiate Military Action							
Do not feel strongly.....	10	13	12	12	11	13	
Feel strongly.....	27	33	35	27	29	33	
Depends (VOL).....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	
Not sure.....	11	13	10	7	12	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Getting near the end of the survey...

Q.41a and Q.41b ARE ROTATED.

- 41a. Would you approve or disapprove of a proposal that would require companies to reduce greenhouse gases that cause global warming, even if it would mean higher utility bills for consumers to pay for the changes?

	<u>10/09**</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Approve.....	48	53	[261]
Disapprove.....	43	40	
Not sure.....	9	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 41b. From what you know about global climate change or global warming, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?

	<u>10/09**</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Global climate change has been established as a serious problem, and immediate action is necessary.....	29	34	29	23	[262]
There is enough evidence that climate change is taking place and some action should be taken.....	27	30	30	28	
We don't know enough about global climate change, and more research is necessary before we take any actions.....	29	25	28	32	
Concern about global climate change is unwarranted.....	13	8	9	11	
Not sure.....	2	3	4	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.42 TO Q.45 ARE RANDOMIZED.

42. Which of the following best represents your views about abortion--the choice on abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor, abortion should be legal only in cases in which pregnancy results from rape or incest or when the life of the woman is at risk, or abortion should be illegal in all circumstances?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	
Should be left up to the woman and her doctor.....	51	55	55	53	59	57	[263/267]
Legal only in cases of rape/incest/life of the woman is at risk.....	31	30	29	29	29	29	
Illegal in all circumstances.....	15	13	14	15	9	12	
Not sure.....	3	2	2	3	3	2	
	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>8/96</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>5/96+</u>		
	57	60	56	58	55		
	32	26	30	31	35		
	9	11	12	9	7		
	2	3	2	2	3		
	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>7/90</u>		
	56	60	60	57	57		
	31	28	31	36	33		
	10	10	8	7	8		
	3	2	1	-	2		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

43. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into same-sex marriages? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:) Would you say that you strongly (favor/oppose), or just somewhat (favor/oppose)?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>3/04¹</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
Favor Allowing Same-Sex Marriages	41	30	{32	{32	
Strongly favor.....	26	18			[264/268]
Somewhat favor.....	15	12			
Oppose Allowing Same-Sex Marriages	49	62	{56	{51	
Somewhat oppose.....	9	10			
Strongly oppose.....	40	51			
Depends (VOL).....	3	3	2	4	
Not sure.....	7	5	9	13	

¹Prior to March 2004, the question was phrased, "Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into same-sex marriages?"

44. Do you favor or oppose a law to ban the sale of assault weapons and semiautomatic rifles?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>7/90</u>	
Favor.....	49	53	75	73	[265/269]
Oppose.....	45	41	22	23	
Not sure.....	6	6	3	4	

45. Do you think adults should be allowed to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it or do you think that marijuana should remain illegal even for medical purposes?

	<u>10/09*</u>	<u>10/02¹</u>	
Allow medical use.....	73	80	[266]
Illegal even for medical purposes.....	23	17	
Not sure.....	4	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Survey conducted by Time/CNN/Harris Interactive.

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1a. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	89	[270]
Not registered.....	9	
Not sure.....	2	

- F1b/c. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Yes, Voted		
Voted for Barack Obama.....	43	[271-272]
Voted for John McCain.....	33	
Voted for someone else.....	5	
Not sure.....	5	
No, did not vote.....	13	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. Are you currently employed? (**IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:**) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	19	[273-274]
White-collar worker.....	19	
Blue-collar worker.....	13	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	29	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	7	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	[308-309]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	25	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (**IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:**) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (**IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:**) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	24	[310]
Not very strong Democrat.....	6	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	13	
Strictly Independent.....	17	
Independent/lean Republican.....	14	
Not very strong Republican.....	7	
Strong Republican.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	3	

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (**IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:**) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	9	[311]
Somewhat liberal.....	15	
Moderate.....	34	
Somewhat conservative.....	19	
Very conservative.....	17	
Not sure.....	6	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	51	CONTINUE	[312]
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	1	Skip to Q.F7	
Muslim.....	1		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2		
Other.....	5		
None.....	11	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	4		

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)

F6b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	16	[313]	
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	47		
Not sure	8		
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a).....	29		

F7. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never.....	15	[314]	
Once a year.....	7		
A few times a year.....	19		
Once a month.....	6		
About twice a month.....	9		
Once a week or more often.....	38		
Not sure.....	6		

F8a/b. Do you have money invested in the stock market and mutual funds, including IRAs and 401-Ks?

Yes.....	59	[315]	
No.....	36		
Not sure.....	5		

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.F8a)

F8b. Which of the following would you say is the value of these investments? Please just stop me when I get to the correct category. (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, please just give me your best guess.

Less than \$10,000.....	12	[316]	
At least \$10,000 but less than \$50,000.....	20		
At least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000.....	16		
At least \$100,000 but less than \$200,000.....	12		
At least \$200,000 but less than \$300,000.....	6		
At least \$300,000 but less than \$500,000.....	5		
At least \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000.....	4		
\$1,000,000 or more.....	3		
Not sure/refused.....	22		

F9a/b. Are you a current or retired labor union member? (**IF "NO," OR "NOT SURE," ASK:**) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member.....	14	[317-318]
Union household.....	7	
Non-union household.....	76	
Not sure.....	3	

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[319]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	7	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	7	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	15	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	18	
Not sure/refused.....	19	